price shops were opened in Andhra Pradesh between the period 1-4-1984 to 30-6-1984. The district-wise breakup of the new fair price shops opened is not maintained at the Central level.

(b) Guidelines have been issued to all the States/Union Territories, including Andhra Pradesh, to expand the Public Distribution System by opening new fair price shops, keeping in view specially the need to cover rural remote and inaccessible areas inhabited by vulnerable section of society.

**Payment of demurrage by the CIL to Railways**

1649. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI SANKAR PRASAD MITRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1310 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1984 and state:

(a) whether the coal companies have paid demurrage of Rs. 9.73 crores to the Railways;

(b) if so, what are the details of the payment made;

(c) whether the matter has been settled with the CIL; if so, what are the terms of settlement and when it was reached; and

(d) what is the amount of fresh demurrage bill submitted to the CIL?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Coal wagons left unloaded in mines of CIL**

1650. SHRI KALYAN ROY:
SHRI SANKAR PRASAD MITRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of coal wagons left behind and drawn empty per day in 1983-84 in comparison to 1981-82 and 1982-83; if so, what are tre details thereof;

(b) whether the matter has been taken up with the CIL authorities; if so, what is their reaction; and

(c) what is the number of wagons left behind unloaded in various CIL coal mines in April, May and June, 1984 and the corresponding figures in 1983 and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. The details for CIL only are as under:—

*(In terms of daily average 4-wheelers)*

| Year | Wagons left behind | Wagons drawn empty |
|---|---|---|
| 1981-82 . . . | 860 | 75 |
| 1982-83 . . . | 1430 | 112 |
| 1983-84 . . . | 1448 | 233 |

(b) The matter has been taken up with the concerned coal companies at the divisional and zonal level and with the Department of Coal at the Ministry level. It has also been brought to the notice of Cabinet Secretariat's Coordination Cell and a weekly meeting is now taken by the Secretary (Coordination) to tackle this problem, amongst others, pertaining to movement of coal by rail.

(c) Railways do not maintain mine-wise information regarding coal loading and wagons left-behind. The figures are maintained railway division-wise and coal field-wise. The comparative information of daily average number of wagons left behind un-loaded by CIL in April, May and June, 1983 and 1984 are indicated below which shows some improvement.